

1           8.       (Amended) A paving surface for the management of rainwater,  
2 floodwater or liquid spillage having a permeable layer on a supporting substrate  
3 layer, which supporting substrate layer is permeable to liquid and is of particulate  
4 material providing interstitial cavities for receiving rainwater, floodwater or  
5 spillage draining through the permeable layer, wherein the permeable layer is  
6 constructed at least partially by the close-fitting without joint filling of a plurality  
7 of paving blocks, wherein said paving blocks have an upper surface, a lower  
8 surface and a side and end lateral surfaces extending between the upper and lower  
9 surfaces and contacting in use at least apart of a lateral surface of at least one  
10 adjacent paving block, wherein a substantial portion of at least two lateral surfaces  
11 of the paving block extending to the upper surface are tapered along the entirety of  
12 the edge between the upper surface and the lateral surface, and at least one of the  
13 lateral surfaces has a channel providing communication from the upper surface to  
14 the lower surface when the block is placed in abutting contact with another block  
15 in use thereof [as claimed in any of Claims 1 to 7].

Claim 10, line-1, delete "Claims" and insert --Claim--; and  
delete "or 9".

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1           11.       (Amended) A paving surface according to [any of Claims] Claim 8  
2 [to 10], which is additionally provided with a filtering layer between the  
3 permeable layer and the substrate layer.

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- 1 13. (Amended) A paving surface according to [any of Claims] Claim 8  
2 [to 12], wherein the supporting substrate layer is contained within a containment  
3 membrane of impermeable material.

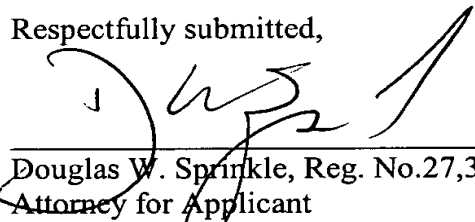
Claim 15, line 1, delete "Claims" and insert --Claim--; and  
✓ delete "or 14".

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- 1 16. (Amended) A paving surface as claimed in [any of Claims] Claim  
2 8 [to 15], in which the paving blocks are made from an impermeable material.

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